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V	DESIGNATIONS			
V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the International filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.			
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application			
VI-1-1	Filing date	11 November 2003 (11.11.2003)		
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VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor				
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VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application				
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	·		
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-			
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached		
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	3	· ✓		
IX-2	Description	8			
IX-3	Claims	1	✓		
IX-4	Abstract	1			
IX-5	Drawings	7			
IX-7	TOTAL	20			
	Accompanying Items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached		
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	_		
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	√		
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	4			
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	Japanese			
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